

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes

Wednesday
August 20, 2003
7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Neighborhood Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom

The District VI Advisory Board Meeting was held at 7:00 P.M. at Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall. In attendance were the District VI City Council Member, eleven (11) District Advisory Board Members, two (2) city staff, and ten (10) citizens. Approximately 23 were in attendance.

Members Present

Council Member Sharon Fearey
Bob Schreck
Bickley Foster
Rosalie Bradley
Maurine Willis
Jaya Escobar
Bob Wine
Dick Rumsey
Rick Shellenbarger
Paul Daemen
Sandra Whittington-alternate
Rob Johnson-alternate

Member Absent

Art Marquez
Annie Best

Guests

Listed at end

Staff

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant
Dave Barber, Planning

Call to Order

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. and welcomed guests. DAB members were asked to introduce themselves and the area they represented.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes for approval.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with an amendment. The planning case for this meeting had been withdrawn. (**Schreck/Foster 11-0**)

PUBLIC AGENDA

No items were submitted

PLANNING

1. **CON2003-00028 Conditional Use for a wireless communication facility south of 26th Street North and east of Amidon**

Staff will be present to discuss this request and answer questions.

*******CASE WAS WITHDRAWN PER PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Council Member Fearey handed out copies of cell tower information from the City Manager. Please review and send your comments to the neighborhood assistant or myself before 8-26-03. We will be discussing this at the next Council workshop. **Member Schreck** asked if Public School towers are only for school use? **Fearey** responded they are financed by School bond and

will be paid off in one year. **Member Foster** stated they offer a complete report of school towers at the Board of Zoning Appeals.

2. **Review of the Historic Midtown Neighborhood Plan**

Bob Pickens, Steering Committee chairperson has lived at 1105 N. Market for 28 years and has an interest in his neighborhood. *Pickens* stated he was here tonight to present a draft to the DAB so they could see what had been done so far. He gave an overview of *What is a Neighborhood plan?* A neighborhood plan allows residents or stakeholders to address safety, neighborhood enhancement, quality of life issues, improve living conditions, bring affordable- diverse – viable housing to an area where it's needed. *Pickens* briefly discussed the Mission Statement, goals and objectives for this plan. He described the make up of the steering committee members; they are residents- clergy-business- property owners including rental property. He introduced Janet Miller and Francisco Bañuelos as two committee members. Information has been provided in both languages Spanish/English.

Member Daemen asked about the moratorium, is it still in effect? Yes stated Fearey but due to safety reasons a couple of properties have been torn down.

Janet Miller stated there are 2000 Residential structures and many 1000's of people in this neighborhood, we have not received enough community input. We plan on holding seven community meetings to get the word out. We are still trying to get interest developed for this plan. **Member Foster** asked about the breakdown of homeowners and rentals? Dave Barber, Planning stated it's 50%; city wide average is 38% so this area is a little higher.

Member Rumsey said this was a great idea. What can the DAB do? Committee members stated we need you to support the plan. **Fearey** said they just need our support. They will be going in front of advanced plans of MAPC with the draft and when they are ready to present the final plan, a vote of approval from DAB is what they will need. Share with your neighborhood association this information and get the word out. DAB members can attend some of the public meetings and hear input first hand. The neighborhood assistant can send you information on the public meetings.

Member Foster asked if there would be on going goals and objectives? A committee member responded it's going to take some one to commit and continue through with this project. Historic Midtown Citizens Association is very active and will have someone to follow through. Maintaining the neighborhood and keeping out gangs, drugs and graffiti should involve the residents. **Foster** stated this area had unique housing. Will you use resources to get ideas for these homes? Response was we need a part-time person to possibly gather information and research what we can use and where we can get assistance.

Member Schreck asked if Via Christi was supportive of this project and do you go as far as Old Town? Yes, Via Christi is in support but they have had changes in personnel and we need to contact them again on this project. Also, the boundaries for this project are Murdock to 18th from the River to Santa Fe railroad tracks.

Pickens concluded by saying he wanted to return to the DAB with a final plan in the near future. Our major goal would be to maintain property value and if the neighborhood improves other reactions will happen. We will use a display board with before /after pictures to show and reflect the neighborhood stating this is what we have but this is how it could improve.

*******Action Taken:** DAB lends support to draft plan. (**Schreck/Bradley 11-0**)

BOARD AGENDA

3. Problem Properties

- 35th St. N. and 3 blocks west of Broadway side street. Tires and Mattress were dumped

*******Action Taken:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

4. Neighborhood Reports

Moorings: Seven HOA presidents will be meeting to workout joint efforts for the area.

New fire station is now open on north Meridian

Orchard Park: noted a Zoning sign for 32 SF units under new construction. Neighbors are excited as it will rid the area of old trailers. Last storm – ½ of neighborhood was hit very hard and destroyed lots of trees, also the egrets were damaged, many dead and some still walking around with broken wings and legs.

Indian Hills: we are planning a family picnic on 9-13 for all who will assist in the neighborhood clean up.

North Riverside: At our last meeting our presenters were Westar. They said our area is #1 for power outage. They are coming in to clear cutting of trees to see if this will solve some of the problem. They will work with you on trees, they want to be customer friendly.

*******Action Taken:** Receive and file

Updates from the Council Member

- Salvage Yard: North end industrial the owner is to be bonded. If more pollution arises to site the bond is in case it goes out of business, the city has something to go back on. If it is approved without the bond the only area used will be what the DAB approved. There are still 2 wells continuing to be monitored.
- Car wash at 21st and Arkansas case we heard before is going through the process again, they are starting over. This will return to the DAB soon.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Guests

Ken Thomas	4725 Cobblestone
Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence
Joe Rodriguez	825 E. Douglas
Berle Willis	3834 Woodrow
Kathy Dittmer	823 Litchfield
Nile Dillmore	1102 Jefferson
Janet L. Miller	1102 Jefferson
Bob Pickens	1105 N. Market
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Respectfully Submitted,

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